#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### **DOCKET NO. 2007-**

IN RE: Application of Timothy P. Oliver	)	
for Approval of the Consolidation of	)	
Utility Systems, an Umbrella Bond	)	APPLICATION
and Conforming Rates for Customers	)	
in Wyboo Pointe and Haynesworth Mill	)	

Timothy P. Oliver ("Applicant"), pursuant to Rules, R.103-700 and R.103-500 (S.C. Code Ann., 1976, as amended), and other applicable Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (hereinafter, the "Commission"), hereby requests that this Commission approve,(i) the consolidation of all utility systems presently owned and operated by the Applicant wherever situated, (ii) an "umbrella" bond for all consolidated systems and (iii) conforming rates for all Customers of Wyboo Pointe and Haynesworth Mill. In support of his Application, the Applicant would show the following:

1. All communications concerning this Application may be directed to:

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- 2. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, ("ORS") is being served with a copy of these pleadings.
- 3. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, ("SCDHEC") is also being served with a copy of these pleadings.
- 4. As stated above, Applicant will serve these pleadings on SCDHEC. Applicant will work with SCDHEC to provide updated information on the consolidation. Applicant will notify applicable State and Regulatory Agencies of this filing.

## CONSOLIDATION OF ALL UTILITY SYSTEMS

- 5. Applicant owns and operates the following utility systems:
  - (A.) E&R Partnership (Lake Marion Shores); and
    E&R Partnership (Gin Pond Shores); and
    E&R Partnership (Haynesworth Mill); and
  - (B.) Sigfield Water Company, Inc. (Commission Approval pending in Docket No. 2007-107-W); and
  - (C.) Wyboo Water Department Inc.; and
  - (D.) Goat Island Water & Sewer Co., Inc. (See Exhibit "A" hereto for detailed description of each system consolidated) (together, hereinafter as, "Consolidated Systems").
- 6. The Consolidated Systems will be operated as business divisions of Goat Island Water & Sewer Co., Inc.

# CONFORMING RATES FOR CUSTOMERS IN WYBOO POINTE AND HAYNESWORTH MILL, NUNC PRO TUNC

7. Applicant seeks approval, *Nunc Pro Tunc*, from this Commission for conforming rates for customers in Wyboo Pointe and Haynesworth Mill and other relief as set forth hereinafter:

## Wyboo Pointe

- 8. Applicant is presently serving costumers in an area known as, "Wyboo Pointe".
- 9. Water customers of Wyboo Pointe are presently only being charged \$12 per month by Applicant for the provision of water services. There has been a long standing confusion over the amount of the currently approved commission rate.
- 10. In any event, Applicant has not received any customer complaints regarding the water rates presently being charged to Wyboo Pointe Customers. Additionally, the System is not metered and the Wyboo Pointe customers are receiving water at a bargain rate (A review of water rates charged by other South Carolina Utilities will confirm that a \$12 per month water charge is among the lowest monthly approved water rates).

  Accordingly, a \$12 per month water charge is a reasonable charge (The last rate case and increase in monthly water rates was in 1989).

## Haynesworth Mill

- 11. Applicant is also presently serving costumers in an area known as, "Haynesworth Mill".
- 12. The number of customers being served is *de minimis*. Specifically, there are only "9" customers being served by Applicant.

- 13. It does not appear that Applicant has previously received Commission approval to serve these customers at established rates.
- 14. Presently, the Haynesworth Mill Customers are being charged a very reasonable rate for Applicant's provision of water services to these "9" residences. Specifically, Applicant is only charging these customers \$19 a month for water. There is a reasonable basis for the monthly charge for the Haynesworth Mill Customers, namely, the close geographic proximity of the Haynesworth Mill Customers to the E&R Partnership Service Area, for which this Commission has approved the same monthly water rate of \$19.
- 15. Applicant has not received any customer complaints regarding the rates presently being charged to Haynesworth Mill Customers.
- 16. After Commission approval, Applicant will submit and file tariff rates with this Commission and provide all documentation requested by the Commission and the ORS.
- 17. Applicant will provide the Commission, SCDHEC, and ORS with a map of the Haynesworth Mill service area as an after-filed exhibit to this Application.
- 18. In conjunction with conforming rates for Haynesworth Mill, Applicant requests the Commission conform an appropriate service territory for Applicant in Haynesworth Mill.
- Applicant has applied for and received a Draft Public Water System Operating Permit for Haynesworth Mill Subdivision (Permit No.1450008).

#### Notice

20. Applicant will provide customers of Wyboo Pointe and Haynesworth Mill with personal notice of the filing of this Application (additionally, newspaper notice of the filing of this Application will also be provided).

### "UMBRELLA" BOND FOR CONSOLIDATED SYSTEMS

- 21. Applicant currently has, or is required to have, a performance bond in place for the Consolidated Systems pursuant to South Carolina Rules and Regulations.
- 22. In satisfaction of an umbrella bond for the Consolidated Systems, Applicant seeks approval from this Commission to provide a current and acceptable financial statement pursuant to R.103.512.3.3 (Sewer) and R.103.712.3.3 (Water) to satisfy requirements of \$100,000 (Sewer) and \$100,000 (Water).

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

- 23. Applicant seeks a single Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Consolidated Systems under the rubric of Goat Island Water & Sewer Co., Inc.
- 24. To accomplish that, Applicant requests that this Commission issue, modify, conform or transfer present Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Consolidated Systems.
- 25. Applicant's consolidation will allow relief from duplicative business filings, including but not limited to, Annual Reports, Authorized Utility Representative Forms, Gross Receipts and Performance Bonds.

### CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, it is in the best interests of the customers of the Consolidated Systems and in the public interest, that this Commission approve the relief sought in the Application, as set forth in more detail hereinabove.

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WHEREFORE, having fully set forth the reasons in his Application, Timothy P. Oliver respectfully requests that this Commission:

- 1. inquire into this matter; and
- 2. if substantial opposition does not develop, hear and decide this matter at an appropriate weekly agenda session; and
- 3. grant its approval of the relief requested hereinabove; and
- 4. grant such further and other relief as this Commission deems fit and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### Exhibit "A"

# (A.) E&R Partnership (Lake Marion Shores)

- (1) \$19.00 monthly charge for water.
- (2) "0" Commercial Customers.
- (3) Last Rate Case Docket No. 1997-512-W.
- (4) Approximately "290" Customers for Lake Marion Shores, Gin Pond Shores, and Haynesworth Mill.

## **E&R Partnership (Gin Pond Shores)**

- (1) \$19.00 monthly charge for water.
- (2) "0" Commercial Customers.
- (3) Last Rate Case Docket No.1997-512-W.

# **E&R Partnership (Haynesworth Mill)**

- (1) "9" Residential Customers. (Included in E&R Partnership total)
- (2) "0" Commercial Customers.
- (3) \$19.00 monthly charge for water.

## (B.) Sigfield Water Company, Inc.

- (1) \$34.00 monthly charge for water.
- (2) Approximately 80 Customers.
- (3) "1" Commercial Customer.

(4) Last Rate Case Docket No. 1997-131-W. Also see, Docket No. 2007-107-W.

## **Exhibit "A" Continued**

# (C.) Wyboo Water Department Inc.

- (1) \$7.00 per month basic charge & \$1.95 per 1,000 gallons used for water.
- (2) Approximately 113 Customers.
- (3) "0" Commercial Customers.
- (4) Last Rate Case Docket No. 89-306-W.

# (D.) Goat Island Water & Sewer Co., Inc.

- (1) \$30.00 monthly charge for water.
- (2) \$30.00 monthly charge for sewer service.
- (3) Approximately 87 Customers.
- (4) "1" Commercial Customer.
- (5) Last Rate Case Docket No. 1999-506-W/S.